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1. [redacted] 25X1X6

25X1X6 the Communist-dominated Ninth Infantry Battalion in Guayaquil was recently reorganized. The troops have been reassigned to various posts throughout Ecuador in an effort to break down the disruptive influence exercised by Major Sergio Enrique Giron (see [redacted] on the enlisted men. 25X1X6 25X1A2g

2. [redacted] although Giron is sympathetic to certain Communist problems, he has taken no positive action in advancing Communism, and is not a member of the Ecuadorian Communist Party.

3. It was also reported that the Communists are continuing their attempts to create unrest among the young enlisted men in Guayaquil.

25X1A6a [redacted] Comment: Most of the enlisted men in Guayaquil are approximately eighteen years of age. The Communists have found fertile ground in this group to encourage lack of discipline, since the training is essential, and there is little respect for the officers.

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